Improving of NHAI

1759. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been made to Government to the effect that NHAI must be bifurcated immediately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NHAI has become un-wieldy and it is impossible to manage;

(d) whether Government propose to agree with this demand, if so, the steps taken; and

(e) what other suggestions have been made to improve the NHAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Dharmapuri-Vaniambadi Highway

1760. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect the existing Dharmapuri-Vaniambadi *via* Pochampalli-Mathur-Tirupattur State Highways into National Highways considering that there is a medical college and also it serve as a link road between Bangalore-Pondicherry which would benefit a large section of population of these States;

(D) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Highways having a length of 7457 kms. were declared as National Highways in February, 2004. There is no proposal for declaration of new National Highways due to financial constraint, at present.

Highway between Bhavani and Thoppur

1761. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to connect existing State Highway between Bhavani -hoppur *via* Mettur into National Highways considering strategic locations such as Mettur dam and power project located there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Highways having a length of 7457 kms. were declared as National Highways in February, 2004. There is no proposal for declaration of new National Highways due to financial constraint, at present.

Highway from Silchar to Sabroom

1762 SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a four-lane National Highway parallel to rail line from silchar to Sabroom of Tripura to make the road economic and more useful;

(b) whether there is any proposal from the State Government of Tripura; and

(c) by when the construction may start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Presumably the question pertains to four-laning of existing Silchar-Sabroom road.